

Then I would like to say one word in support of Delegate James' proposal. It frightens me that a clerk could frustrate the will of the entire legislature by a mistake, whether it was innocent or otherwise.

I think it is a mistake for us to be so detailed in our requirements of record keeping, even in committee, because sometimes although our committee has been operated with great efficiency and accuracy, it has been very confusing, and I would not swear that each of the votes that we have taken were absolutely correct — I mean correctly recorded; so I really think we are treading on dangerous ground here, and I do suggest that this is a salutary amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair is going to interrupt the debate at this time and follow the unusual course of suggesting a recess in the middle of debate. Part of the reason, but only part of it, is that this particular section is so very important, the proper interpretation, that the statements made in the course of debate will have a bearing on that, and I would like the debate not to be hurried, and to have every opportunity for the Committee Chairman to state quite clearly what the intent of the Committee is. For that reason, the Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee of the Whole rise and report that it has not yet concluded consideration of Committee Recommendation LB-2.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Clerk will ring the quorum bell, please.

Is there a second?

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor of the motion, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

(Whereupon, at 12:30 P.M., the Committee of the Whole rose, and the Convention reconvened.)

(The mace was replaced by the Sergeant-at-Arms.)

PLENARY SESSION

DECEMBER 2, 1967—12:30 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT: The Convention will please come to order.

On behalf of the Committee of the Whole, the Chair reports that the Committee has had under consideration Committee Recommendation LB-2, that it still has it under consideration, and it desires leave to sit again.

The Chair at this time would like to make a very important statement to the Convention.

The officers of the Convention and the Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda have, as I am sure all of you realize, kept very closely in touch with the progress of the Convention and the status of the work of the Convention has been the subject of practically daily conversation and concern among us.

Unless we sit on Sundays, the calendar tells us that there are available only eight more days until December 12. If we sit on Sunday we would have ten days.

I do not think anyone could possibly suggest that this Convention could work harder or could engage in more continuous, intense consideration of the matters before it than it has been doing, not merely in this past week, but for many weeks past.

We have accomplished a tremendous amount, but a great deal more remains to be done.

Consideration has been given to the possibility of extending or increasing the number of night sessions. All of us feel that this is undesirable for two reasons: There is a limit to human capacity, and this work requiring the kind of concentration it does is very exhausting; and secondly, there is work to be done other than that on the floor of the Convention, and if we had any more night sessions, this would become utterly impossible.

For these reasons, the Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda suggests at the appropriate time that we not sit on Sundays, that we convene on Monday as we have in the past, at 2:00 P.M. and have a Monday evening session, and that we have one more, rather than two more evening sessions next week, probably on Thursday.

In other words, we will sit in the evenings on Mondays and Thursdays, rather than Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Under these circumstances, the Chair will request the Committee on Calendar and Agenda to consider immediately and to report to this Convention on Monday its recommendations with respect to Resolu-